

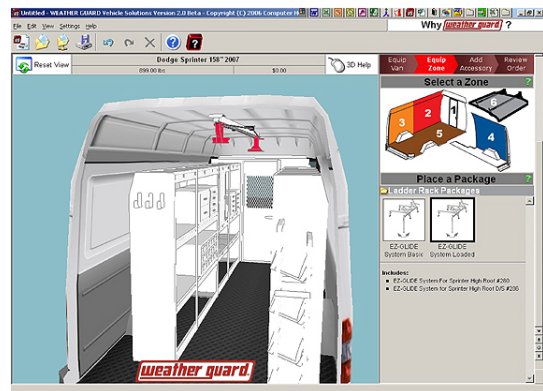


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New WEATHER GUARD® VEHICLE SOLUTIONS™ 2.0 Software Offers More Upfitting Options and Improved 3-D Graphics

CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL. – December 2006 – Building upon the success of its launch in Fall 2004, Knaack Manufacturing recently updated its WEATHER GUARD® VEHICLE SOLUTIONS™ software to a new 2.0 version. WEATHER GUARD VEHICLE SOLUTIONS 2.0 has been significantly updated to enhance usability and functionality.

New van models have been added to the software, including the new minivans: Chevrolet Uplander, Ford Freestar and Dodge Caravan Cargo. In addition to improved mouse control, product placement features have been improved, allowing closer equipment placement. Enhanced 3-D images provide even more realistic renderings of the custom van storage solutions designs, while new feedback “pop-ups” assist with design creation.



WEATHER GUARD VEHICLE SOLUTIONS has been integrated with the new van product line, and software information is now available in the new WEATHER GUARD Van Solutions catalog. While creating a drawing in the software, users can refer to actual equipment photos and information in the catalog further enhancing the design experience.

Distributors and upfitters have complete freedom to create quotes, pricing and installation charges on the custom van designs. Company and customer details can be added to the custom quotes as well as “preferred” pricing and special pricing on individual SKU items. Further customization is available via the new export feature – a complete parts list can now be exported to Microsoft® Word, Excel or a CSV file.

WEATHER GUARD Vehicle Solutions is the only tool of its type in the contractor-vehicle outfitting industry. The easy-to-use software tool allows users to custom-design work vans with shelving, cabinets, roof racks and accessories. The 3-D software produces simple-to-use interactive graphics to help the user visualize the custom design prior to purchase. Design revisions are quick and easy, and once the van design is finalized,

the design drawing and the corresponding list of materials can be printed and saved. No detailed product knowledge or measuring is necessary.

“The commercial van market grows more competitive everyday. To better serve our WEATHER GUARD Customers and their changing needs, we felt it was important to strengthen the features and functionality of WEATHER GUARD VEHICLE SOLUTIONS software to support their growth.” said Julie Schmitt, E-Business Development Manager, Knaack Manufacturing Co.

Knaack Manufacturing makes and markets a complete line of WEATHER GUARD Van solutions, including shelving, drawers, cabinetry and roof racks that can be custom-configured for industrial and commercial applications to provide maximum efficiency and organization. It also makes and markets WEATHER GUARD Truck Equipment and KNAACK Jobsite storage equipment. Learn more at www.weatherguard.com.

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